

October 2008  
NORTHERN COMMAND

# SAFESTAT REPORT

DPS/Highway Patrol Division  
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## Overview

This month brought a slight increase in motor vehicle crashes on our Northern Command roadways compared to last month however, we had a significant decrease of 14.0% compared to the same time last year.

As in the first quarter of our fiscal year, our officers continued to increase their enforcement activities throughout our coverage area. This aides us in the reduction of motor vehicle crashes. The most significant crash reduction this past month was in the area of DUI crashes in which we recognized a 30% reduction from last year and a 14.3% reduction from last month. Our officers also increased our DUI arrests this month by 16% as related to last month. The average blood alcohol content (BAC) of those individuals arrested for DUI was .15%. This BAC was well above the State's legal limit of .08%.

One category which increased this month compared to this time last year was the number of fatalities. In 2007, our command investigated one fatality accident however, this month there were four fatalities. We will continue to promote the attributes of safe driving along with our increased efforts in traffic enforcement to reduce the number of fatal crashes we investigate on our roadways.

In the area of traffic enforcement, our officers increased their overall enforcement by 13.9% compared to the same time last year. The most significant increases were in the categories of speeding and hazardous moving violations. Our Northern Command officers issued 7,481 violations this month.

Our Flight Operations crew flew twenty-six missions this month. Ten of these flight missions were related to traffic enforcement and resulted in 483 citations issued. Our Interagency Criminal Enforcement (I.C.E.) Team seized over 80 pounds of Marijuana off the streets of Nevada. The I.C.E team was also involved in removing a small amout of cocaine and two weapons from criminals in our state.

The month of October was a successful month in providing the services of the Highway Patrol to all of those who live here and visit our State. The Highway Patrol officers strive to maintain a high level of police services throughout Northern Nevada and I thank them for their efforts.

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**NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW**

0	Oct 08	Oct 07	% Change	Sept 08	% Change
Total Crashes	326	379	-14.0%	319	2.2%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	217	267	-18.7%	202	7.4%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	105	112	-6.3%	113	-7.1%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4	1	300.0%	4	0.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	18	26	-30.8%	21	-14.3%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	5	1	400.0%	5	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	2	-200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	2	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2	1	100.0%	1	100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	22	30	-26.7%	15	46.7%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	10	22	-54.5%	10	0.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	11	9	22.2%	4	175.0%
Fatal Crashes Involving Commercial Vehicles	1	0	100.0%	1	0.0%

**Crash Analysis**

- Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.2%
- Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.5%
- Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total person killed 25.0%
- Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 6.7%

## NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	Oct 08		Oct 07	% Change		Sept 08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	18		26	-30.8%		21	-14.3%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	123		110	11.8%		147	-16.3%
Other Arrests	533		486	9.7%		687	-22.4%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	234		231	1.3%		275	-14.9%
Speed violations	2895		2471	17.2%		3334	-13.2%
Hazardous moving violations	896		756	18.5%		1121	-20.1%
Occupant restraint violations ##	345		450	-23.3%		546	-36.8%
Total violations [above violations included]	7481		6567	13.9%		8935	-16.3%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>							
Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	44		37	18.9%		47	-6.4%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	44		26	69.2%		59	-25.4%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	797		877	-9.1%		940	-15.2%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	411		361	13.9%		485	-15.3%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2292		2714	-15.5%		2481	-7.6%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	104		117	-11.1%		103	1.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	95		158	-39.9%		121	-21.5%
Total school buses inspected	56		97	-42.3%		58	-3.4%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	86		30	186.7%		0	8600.0%
Total trucks weighed	25		1366	-98.2%		1180	-97.9%
Total overweight citations	343		73	369.9%		30	1043.3%
Total dyed fuel inspections	350		545	-35.8%		397	-11.8%
Total dyed fuel citations	2		2	0.0%		0	200.0%

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Oct 2008		Oct 2007	% Change		Sept 2008	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions from Console	463,450		155,507	198.0%		32,5694	26.7%
CAD Incidents	18,055		18,346	-1.6%		20,154	-10.4%
*Telephone Calls	21,741		17,277	25.8%		*21,400	1.5%
CAD Logs	166,046		133,523	24.4%		183,254	-9.4%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	361		433	-16.6%		453	-20.3%
Arrest Reports Processed	252		219	15.0%		324	-22.2%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	4		16	-75.0%		9	-55.5%
Office Accident Reports Taken	16		10	60.0%		12	33.3%
Citations Processed	4331		4731	-8.4%		5135	-15.6%
Vehicle Impound Releases	0		3	-100.0%		1	-100.0%
Visitors at Counter	193		N/A	N/A		171	12.7%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	\$682.50		\$1,096.00	-37.7%		\$1,021.50	-33.1%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	628		1067	-41.1%		713	-11.9%
Warrants Entered	277		593	-53.3%		391	-29.2%
Warrants Cleared	525		660	-20.5%		516	1.7%
Warrants Validated	41		2265	-98.2%		23	78.3%
Extradition / Transports	27		32	-15.6%		26	3.8%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>							
New NHP Cases Submitted	46		92	-50.0%		55	-16.3%
New NHP Items Submitted	121		167	-27.5%		105	15.2%
Items Disposed	28		15	86.6%		261	-89.2%

**\*In Sept the radio and phone tallies are not accurate as the recorder had a failure for 11 days. This month reflects the accurate number of calls for Sept 08 as the calls were recovered.**

**EVIDENCE**

- Parole and Probation submitted 13 new cases and had 29 new items submitted.
- Division of Investigation was responsible for 0% of case submissions.
- State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0% of case submissions.
- Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0% of case submissions

**IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS**

- Average BAC 0.15 %
- Average age of DUI arrestees, 36years old

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- Six (6) Contracts using 65.15 hours, billed in the amount of \$4,201.69

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
423	6	6	0	7

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
77	519	12	0	2	8

**Additional Appearances, Events and Activities:**

There were a number of public awareness and educational events throughout the month of October.

- Several 2-hour presentations at five local High Schools in the Reno-Sparks area. In addition to the classroom presentations, each of the classes had the opportunity to see and experience the Seat Belt Convincer. This particular demonstration allows those to experience a simulated 4- 5 mph crash in a controlled environment and to “convince” drivers to buckle-up every trip, every time.
- Troopers from our Region participated in the annual alcohol awareness event labeled “If You Drink, Think” that has been held at Scruple’s Bar & Grill in Reno for the past 6 years. Patrons logged their alcoholic beverages and then had the opportunity to experience field sobriety tests (FST’s) and learn their individual blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level with the use of the Intoxylizer 5000 breath machine. This machine is the similar instrument used at all law enforcement booking facilities around our state. Free cab rides were also provided and the Troopers’ salaries were paid for by a grant from the Northern Nevada DUI Task Force.
- Participated in the Pleasant Valley “Safe House,” where the Seat Belt Convincer was utilized. A large amount of parents, teens and young children were excited to see us at this event again this year.
- Attended the annual Safety Day and Fair event at the Home Depot store in Carson City along with the Seat Belt Convincer.
- Attended the annual International Law Enforcement Torch Run conference in Dallas, TX.
- As we approach the end of the year and winter-like weather, we are already planning a number of special events with the media and our “sister” Department, Nevada Department of Transportation.

**FLIGHT OPERATIONS**

The Northern Command aircraft flew a total of 26 missions during the month of October for a total of 66.4 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of flight activities



Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
10	33.6	51	Speed Enforcement
6	16.0	24	Prisoner Transport
6	7.6	11	Line Patrol
2	4.3	6	Personnel Transport
1	3.8	6	Out of State Prisoner Extradition
1	1.1	2	Property Transport

On the 1st, Deputy Chief Almaraz was flown to Las Vegas to attend the K-9 program badge pinning ceremony. On the 7th, 1505 grams of methamphetamine and 530 grams of cocaine were transporter to Las Vegas and delivered to Captain Gagnon for drug dog training purposes. The pilot accomplished his six month Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) currency on the 8th. OPR was transported to Las Vegas on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> for interviews. On the 21<sup>st</sup>, the plane was flown to Quincy, Ca. to extradite Scott Culbert to Reno on a felony DUI warrant. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, the plane was used to transport a number of .40 caliber handguns from Las Vegas to Carson City for the Capitol Police.

New enforcement marks have been surveyed and certified at the Boomtown enforcement site. 13 speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month, 10 were flown. One was cancelled for pilot training, one for maintenance and one for a personnel transport. A total of 483 violations were noted during these enforcement missions. Following is a breakdown of activities:

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	401
Hazardous	18
Non-Hazardous	60
Seat belt	4

During the course of the enforcement missions, 10 motorists were assisted. Two arrests were made; one for a misdemeanor warrant and one for reckless driving.

The high speed for the month was clocked at Derby Dam on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, a black Land Rover at 107 mph.

Compared to last year, total flight time is up 59% and total enforcement activity is up 164%.

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